

MISTAKEN ADDITION AS
COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2499

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, my name was mistakenly added as a cosponsor of H.R. 2499. Let the RECORD reflect that I would remove my name as a cosponsor of this bill if I were able.

IN HONOR OF THE ANNUAL JAMES MONROE DAY PROGRAM IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am privileged to rise today to honor the James Monroe Memorial Foundation and the annual James Monroe Day Program.

I am pleased to recognize and honor the birth and life of our Nation's fifth president, and First District of Virginia native, James Monroe. I appreciate the invitation to share this special occasion with you.

First, I want to recognize the important accomplishments of the James Monroe Foundation. Since 1928, the James Monroe Foundation has worked tirelessly to preserve the former President's great legacy. Your efforts have kept his memory alive and have allowed generations of people to learn about his many significant contributions to our Nation. I would like to thank the foundation for your hard work and for organizing this magnificent celebration.

James Monroe came to the Presidency as one of the most qualified men to ever assume the office. He was the last American President of the "Virginia Dynasty," and one who left such a lasting impression on American history that we gather today to recognize his life and celebrate his birth.

As you know, President Monroe, one of five children to Spence Monroe and Elizabeth Jones, was born here in Westmoreland County on April 28, 1758. Monroe was raised and educated in what is now the First Congressional District of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He worked on the family farm until entering the College of William and Mary at the age of 16. Within a year, the American Revolution began and Monroe soon left college to enlist in the Continental Army. He was one of the men who crossed the Delaware with George Washington.

As a politician, Monroe served in the Virginia Assembly, the Continental Congress, as Governor to the Commonwealth of Virginia, as a U.S. Senator, Secretary of State and Secretary of War to President James Madison. Ultimately, James Monroe became our fifth President of the United States.

His presidency represented a key point in our history. National identity and patriotism were growing and the country's democratic institutions and capitalist economy were taking form.

During Monroe's early years in the White House his administration was known as the "Era of Good Feelings", a time period in

American political history in which partisan bitterness abated. President Monroe went on two long national tours in order to gain the trust and faith of the American people. Monroe expanded the country's borders by purchasing Florida from Spain. Yet, Monroe may be best remembered for his belief that the Americas should be free from future European colonization and interference in sovereign countries' affairs. His strong opinions and principles on foreign policy came to be known as the Monroe Doctrine.

James Monroe was a loyal public servant and an exceptional statesman. He proved to be a visionary leader who helped form our Nation in its infant stages, and later helped to reconcile a deeply divided country in the aftermath of the War of 1812.

President Monroe cherished the very principle of democracy, and championed the cause of a republic empowered not by privilege or birthright, but by the people. He once stated, "In this great Nation there is but one order, that of the people, whose power, by a peculiarly happy improvement of the representative principle, is transferred from them, without impairing in the slightest degree their sovereignty, to bodies of their own creation, and to persons elected by themselves, in the full extent necessary for the purposes of free, enlightened, and efficient government". This eloquent statement contained a very simple message that continues to ring true today.

I recently introduced the James Monroe Commemorative Coin Act (H.R. 4329) to honor James Monroe and the contributions he made to the Commonwealth and our Nation. This legislation would authorize the U.S. Treasury to mint coins to commemorate the bicentennial of the election of President James Monroe.

In addition, the funds collected from the coin will go to the James Monroe Memorial Foundation to reconstruct the birthplace of President Monroe including farm buildings and a visitor and education center in Westmoreland County. Additional proceeds will then be used to support continuing education programs about President Monroe, the Monroe Doctrine, an online library, and collection and preservation of artifacts and historical items related to James Monroe's childhood and presidency.

James Monroe was an outstanding citizen, soldier, and statesman who dedicated his life to our country. He was a good man who inspired a nation at a moment in time that begged for leadership. Jefferson said of his fellow Virginian, "A better man cannot be."

The citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia and especially America's First District express their gratitude to James Monroe, in commemoration of the 252nd anniversary of his birthday.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,880,364,008,405.96

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,241,938,262,112.10 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING CHARLES "KENNY" HILL

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles "Kenny" Hill, one of the hard working employees of the House Wellness Center. Kenny is retiring from duty as a Members' Wellness Center Attendant after 41 years of service to the Architect of the Capitol. He and his wife Carole look forward to enjoying his retirement with their children Lisa, Kenny, and Tony and their grandchildren Christopher, Charlie, Pamela, Tiffany, Elizabeth, Wayne, and Kyle. The Members of the 111th Congress would like to thank you Kenny for all your years of hard work and dedication. You will be missed.

HONORING URBAN LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND FOR THEIR EX- TRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Urban League of Long Island.

Urban League has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with the Urban League of Long Island are admirable.

I am proud to honor Urban League of Long Island for their extraordinary work in the community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AN- DERSON SHOWMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT- TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI- TARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Anderson Showman of Willard, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Anderson's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy